



NOTICE OF REVIEW

APDES Proposed Final General Permit

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program
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NOTICE OF REVIEW OF AN ALASKA POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (APDES) **PROPOSED FINAL GENERAL PERMIT** TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

Following the close of a 30-day public notice period, ADEC has prepared an APDES proposed final general permit for reissuing the Pesticide General Permit (PGP) for Discharges from the application of Pesticides. Prior to making the final decision to issue the general permit, ADEC invites you to view the proposed final general permit and associated documents. You can access the proposed final general permit and associated documents at DEC's Wastewater Discharge Authorization Program webpage at <http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>.

Proposed Final Permit Review: Start Date: 6/3/2022 End Date: 6/9/2022

Permit Number: AKG870000

Proposed Permit Coverage:

DEC proposes to reissue an Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) general permit (AK870000) to regulate point source discharges of pollutants associated with the application of biological pesticides or chemical pesticides that leave a residue. This permit is commonly called the Pesticide General Permit (PGP). Conditions and requirements in the proposed 2022 PGP remain unchanged from the previously issued 2017 PGP.

The PGP covers point source discharges of pollutants associated with the application of biological or chemical pesticides that leave a residue from the following use patterns: 1) mosquito and other flying insect pest control; 2) weed and algae control; 3) animal pest control; and 4) forest canopy pest control.

In Appendix A, DEC will add the definition for the term "Pesticide discharges to waters of the United States from pesticide application" and update the definition "pesticide residue" to be consistent with 40 CFR 122.2. A pesticide residue means for the purpose of determining whether an APDES permit is needed for discharges to waters of the United States from pesticide application that is discharged from a point source to waters of the United States and no longer provides pesticidal benefits. It includes any degradates of pesticide. [40 CFR 122.2]

Pesticide discharges to waters of the United States from pesticide application means the discharges that result from the application of biological pesticides, and the application of chemical pesticides that leave a residue, from point sources to waters of the United States. In the context of this definition of pesticide discharges to waters of the United States from pesticide application, this does not include agricultural storm water discharges and return flows from irrigated agriculture, which are excluded by law (33 U.S.C. 1342(1); 33 U.S.C. 1362(14)). [40 CFR 122.2].

Determination:

DEC has determined to reissue the above listed general permit.

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Administrative Record:

The APDES proposed final permit, fact sheet, and associated documents are available for public review at the DEC offices located in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Soldotna, and Wasilla. Please contact the office of your choice to arrange for hard copies of the documents to be available for your review.

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<http://dec.alaska.gov/water/wastewater/>.

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